

Historic Aquifer

In 1860, James Madison Alden was a member of the International Boundary Survey team traveling through the Washington Territory. He painted this watercolor of the Spokane Valley from a location near the present-day Arbor Crest Winery. In the foreground is Plante's Ferry, a popular ferry crossing of the Spokane River operated by Antoine Plante from 1852 to 1864. The inset photograph of the Spokane Valley was taken from the Arbor Crest Winery property in 2004. *Watercolor courtesy of the National Archives, College Park, Maryland (thanks to Jack Nisbet.)*

